

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 15 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal comprising:
 - a file storing unit storing a file previously created;
 - a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;
 - a channel selecting unit making, when there exist a plurality of free channels, a transmitter automatically select a free channel starting from a lower-number channel; and
 - a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the selected channel.
2. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal according to claim 1, further comprising a cipher processing unit,
 - wherein the file read from said file storing unit is encrypted by said cipher processing unit and thereafter transmitted from said transmitting unit.
3. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal according to claim 1, wherein the file is a file in an HTML format.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal selectively receiving broadcasting information transmitted via a plurality of channels within a local area, said terminal comprising:
 - a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be

received, said broadcasting data being transmitted via a channel of the plurality of channels automatically selected starting with a lower-number channel from among a plurality of free channels;

a selecting unit selecting, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, a receiving channel;

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received by the selected channel;

an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier;

a mail editing unit creating a return message to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit; and

a returning unit returning the mail created by said mail editing unit.

5. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal according to claim 4, further comprising a cipher processing unit, if the broadcasting data received have been encrypted, decoding the encrypted data by decrypting the same data.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area, comprising:

a file storing unit storing a file previously created;

a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;

a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the retrieved channel, said transmitting unit automatically selecting, when there exist a plurality of free channels, a free channel starting from a lower-number channel;

a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received within the local area;

a selecting unit selecting, when the broadcasting data different from each other are

being transmitted via the plurality of channels, a receiving channel; and

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received via the selected channel.

7. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 6, further comprising:

a mail editing unit creating a return mail to a transmitter of the broadcasting data received; and

a returning unit for returning the return mail.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 7, further comprising

a an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier,

wherein said mail editing unit sets a return destination of the return mail to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal comprising:

a file storing unit storing a file previously created;

a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;

a channel displaying unit displaying, when there exists a plurality of free channels, the plurality of free channels retrieved by the channel retrieving unit;

a channel selecting unit making a transmitter automatically select a free channel from the plurality of free channels starting from a lower-number channel; and

a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the selected channel.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A local area information terminal according to claim 10, further comprising a cipher processing unit,

wherein the file read from said file storing unit is encrypted by said cipher processing unit and thereafter transmitted from said transmitting unit.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A local area information terminal according to claim 10, wherein the file is a file in an HTML format.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal selectively receiving broadcasting information transmitted via a plurality of channels within a local area, said terminal comprising:

a retrieving unit retrieving ~~a channel~~ the plurality of channels through which the broadcasting data ~~can be~~ is received;

a channel displaying unit displaying, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, the plurality of channels retrieved by the retrieving unit;

a selecting unit receiving input selecting a receiving channel from the plurality of channels;

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received by the selected channel;

an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier;

a mail editing unit creating a return message to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit; and

a returning unit returning the mail created by said mail editing unit.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A local area information terminal according to claim 13, further comprising a cipher processing unit, if the broadcasting data received have

been encrypted, decoding the encrypted data by decrypting the same data.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area, comprising:

- a file storing unit storing a file previously created;

- a channel retrieving unit automatically retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths starting with a lower-number channel;

- a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the retrieved channel;

- a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received within the local area;

- a channel displaying unit displaying, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, the plurality of channels retrieved by the retrieving unit;

- a selecting unit selecting a receiving channel from the plurality of channels; and

- a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received via the selected channel.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 15, further comprising:

- a mail editing unit creating a return mail to a transmitter of the broadcasting data received; and

- a returning unit for returning the return mail.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 16, further comprising

- an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the

broadcasting data and storing the identifier,

wherein said mail editing unit sets a return destination of the return mail to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit.